

# Superior Court Judge

## Patricia "Tricia " A. Collins, First Judicial District

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** March 12, 1954  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Camp LeJeune, North Carolina  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 114100  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-4100

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 25 years  
Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak and Anchorage.

**EDUCATION:**  
University of Virginia, 1976, B.A.; Gonzaga University School of Law, 1982, J.D. magna cum laude.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge, Juneau, 1999 to the present; District Court Judge, Ketchikan, 1995-1999; United States Magistrate Judge, part-time, Ketchikan (1995-1999), Juneau (1989-1995).

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
President, Alaska Conference of Judges, 1998; Adjunct Professor, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau and Ketchikan, 1989-1997; attorney, private practice, 1982-1984, 1985-1995; Assistant Public Defender, Ketchikan, 1984-1985.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Alaska and Juneau Bar Associations; Court Fairness and Access Implementation Committee; chair, Rural Services Task Force; Judicial Education and Mentoring Committee, Pro se Center Advisory Committee, co-chair, Court Gender Equality Section; Alaska-Khabarovsk Rule of Rule Partnership; University of Alaska Southeast Paralegal Program Advisory Committee; Alaska Family Law Rules Committee.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Sailing, hiking, fishing, skiing, ice skating, golf.

### **STATEMENT:**

The court is a place where people reasonably expect fair and courteous treatment. The court is also a place where people expect protection and enforcement of our federal and state laws and constitutions. Judges have a duty to insure public trust and confidence in the court system.

It has been my privilege to work as a judge for the people of Alaska. If retained, I will continue to work hard to improve our court system. I have learned that a judge has great power to affect lives and equally great responsibility to insure that power is never abused. I will do my best to be fair to all people that depend on the court system for justice.

# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Patricia Collins, Superior Court, Juneau

**I. Judicial Council Evaluation.** The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Collins to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain her as a superior court judge.

**II. Summary of Evaluation Information.** A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Collins on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Collins 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored highest in the category of settlement skills (4.8). She scored 4.4 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.4	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9
Integrity	4.7	4.6	---	4.9
Temperament	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8
Diligence	4.6	4.6	---	4.7
Special Skills	4.7	4.6	---	---
Overall	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent

4.0 = Good

3.0 = Acceptable

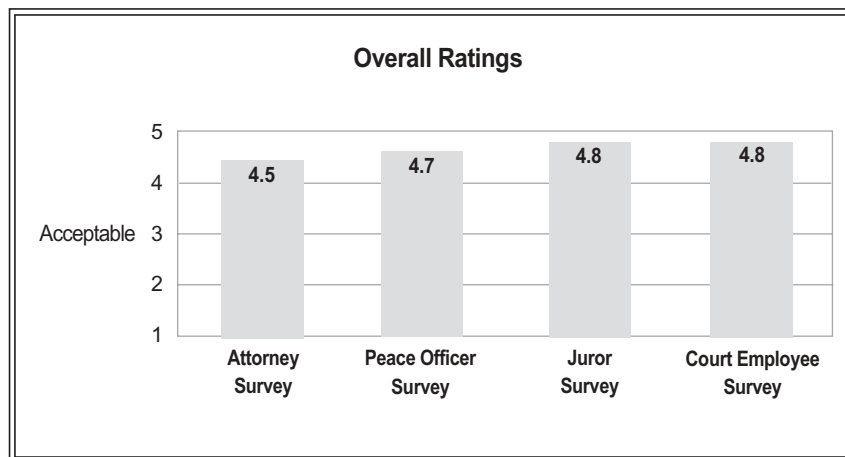
2.0 = Deficient

1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Collins on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Collins 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. She scored highest (4.8) in the categories of conduct free from impropriety, and courtesy. She scored 4.5 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Collins in 2000 and 2001 rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated her 4.8 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



**Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Judge Collins**

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